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On the whole, it may be said that the editor has been remarkably successful in his effort "to adapt this standard treatise to all the needs of modern practice, as well in the States which have a code procedure as in those having a distinct system of equity."

THE ANNUAL ON THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY. Edited by TILGHMAN E. and EMERSON E. BALLARD. Crawfordsville, Ind.: Ballard & Ballard, 1892.

In this volume the editors have reported in full over one hundred cases decided during the year by State courts of last resort, and they have added to these several elaborate annotations and discussions, an index to decisions construing local statutes and an epitome of cases not important enough to be reported in full. The book represents the annual crop of real property cases yielded by the American courts, the wheat being separated from the chaff, and the whole ground into a form well adopted for the lawyer's "domestic use." With this book in hand one can keep abreast of the development of the law by reading the reported cases, for the editors report all cases in full (1) which overrule other cases on material points; (2) which construe important statutes not hitherto construed; or (3) which make some new application of legal principles. If one has the further object of investigating a particular point, he has at hand the admirable "Epitome of Cases" which, as a new volume, will be published each year, is justly characterized by the editors as "a growing and living 'brief' on all of the subjects about which the courts have anything to say."

The plan of the book is, in our judgment, an admirable one, and the execution of the plan seems to be in all respects satisfactory. But the true test of such a book lies in the constant use of it, and we shall be in a better position to pronounce a worthy judgment when the second "Annual" makes its appearance than we are at present.

IL DIRITTO COMUNE. Per O. W. HOLMES, JR. Translated (into Italian) by FRANCESCO LAMBERTENGHI. Sondrio: Tipografia A. Moro e. C., 1888.

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